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Sir,

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Pls change the title to read as "Protection of software from unauthorised use by means of a psychological barrier".

Pls amend claims 3, 16-20 by the replacement sheet submitted herewith.

Pls note that in claim 20, lines 1,2, the phrase "through a communication network" is being deleted, because it is not needed to preclude prior art related to selling software other than through a communication network, such as software stored in a disk as a commercial product etc, as claim 20 specifies "the presence of identity information/means as a precondition for recognising a processing device", which is a limitation already good enough for the purpose. Similarly, the last 2 lines of claim 3, "wherein said third software being distributed through a communication network to said rightful user" is also deleted.

Respectfully submitted,

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